

In Loving Memory of
John Franklin Smith
"Frankie"

May 17, 1939 - November 26, 2000



Thursday, November 30, 2000
10:00 A.M.

New Hope Baptist Church

106 Sussex Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

REV. JOHN BAKER, Eulogist
REV. JOE CARTER, Pastor

The Obituary

JOHN "FRANKIE" FRANKLIN SMITH was born May 17, 1939 to the late John Richard Smith and the late Bertha Bennett Smith in Newark, New Jersey. He departed this life on November 26, 2000, after a brief illness.

"FRANKIE" attended the Newark Public School System, graduating from Newark Vocational Technical High School. He worked at Ward Baking Co. for 14 years, and had a host of cooking jobs at local eateries throughout the area. For the past six years, he was a medical transportation driver for the North Ward Center in Newark, N.J.

He received his religious training at an early age at the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J. There, he started his singing career in various choirs as a teenager and sometimes directed the Adult Choir. He was a former member of the 11 A.M. Mass Choir.

In the late 1950s and 60s, he was a proud and leading member of the Doo Wop group called "The Monotones," touring throughout the U.S. and Canada. He was clearly known for his deep bass voice on the hit tune "Book of Love," which is still played today on many radio stations.

FRANKIE touched many lives in his lifetime. He was kind-hearted, fun and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Truly a friend to all, he will be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sharon Mayer-Smith; a brother, Clarence Smith; two sons, Craig and Lance Smith; a daughter, Santanya Bowles-Smith; four stepdaughters, Keesha, Sheery, Alisia and Rosetta Wilborn; three grandsons, Lance Jr., Kadeem and Quentin; 12 stepgrandchildren, Tarik, Jamal, Shmaeya, Elijah, Tajshanah, Sasha, Isaiah, Issaias, Kizazi, Teshi, Kai and Joshua; his mother-in-law, Esther Mayer; five brothers-in-law, David, Douglas, Michael, Craig and Steven Mayer; three sisters-in-law, Priscilla Aiken, Sandra Patterson and Joanne Mayer; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

"Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways." --Psalm 128:1

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBITUARY

SELECTION

EULOGY.....Rev. John Baker

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
when day is done.*

Honorary Pallbearers

George Malone
Victor Hartsfield
Bernard Brown

Bernard Ransom
Carl Foushee
Michael Hartsfield

Joseph Eaton
Phil Thomas
John Williams

Acknowledgement

*The family of **John F. Smith** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

Professional Services by:

Perry Funeral Home

34 Mercer Street
Newark, New Jersey